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Draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development for the biennium 2002-2003

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft programme of work in the field of social policy and development for the biennium 2002-2003, which is contained in the annex, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission for Social Development in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. In section I, paragraph 7, of its resolution 52/220, the General Assembly stressed the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget, as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget.

2. The draft programme of work has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 3 (Social policy and development) of programme 7 (Economic and social affairs) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

3. The Commission is invited to comment and make recommendations, as appropriate, on the draft programme of work. These comments and recommendations will be taken into account, as appropriate, by the Secretary-General in finalizing his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, which will be reviewed by the Committee on Programme Coordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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Annex

Draft programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

1. The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Social Policy and Development.

2. The draft programme of work has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 3 (Social policy and development) of programme 7 (economic and social affairs) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and further elaborated taking into account the outcome of the 24th Special Session of the General Assembly.

Objective(s)

To strengthen international cooperation for social development, with particular attention to the goals of poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration. The subprogramme will also aim to advance work on ageing, disability and the family and to promote the internationally agreed programmes on youth.

Expected accomplishment(s)	Indicator(s) of achievement
Greater priority given by Member States in placing social issues and policies at the heart of national and global political agendas, particularly through more effective implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and further initiatives on social development adopted at the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.	1. Number of Member States integrating social development goals in national strategies and policies. 2. Number of Member States adopting new, or revising existing social policies and programmes. 3. Number of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes integrating social development in their programme of work. 4. Number of Member States incorporating gender perspectives into national social policies and programmes.
Improved ability of Member States to pursue the goal of eradicating poverty through decisive national action and international cooperation.	1. Progress in achieving quantitative and qualitative targets relating to eradication of poverty as adopted by the intergovernmental process. 2. Number of Member States undertaking reassessment of macroeconomic policies with the aim of giving employment generation and reduction in the poverty level a central place in the goals of macro policy. 3. Sharing of best practices on how to establish and improve social protection systems.

Expected accomplishment(s)	Indicator(s) of achievement
Increased awareness of national Governments and the international community on international instruments in the social development field and enhanced capacity of Member States to advance work on social integration, including issues related to ageing, disability, youth and the family.	1. Adoption by Member States of the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing at the World Assembly on Ageing in 2002. 2. Increased number of Member States implementing international norms and standards for the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities. 3. Enhanced integration of youth concerns into national development policies measured through number of institutional arrangements and greater participation of young people in decision-making. 4. Number of family-related policies and programmes adopted at the national level.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicator(s) of achievement**
Better understanding and awareness by Governments, the civil society and the private sector with regard to emerging issues in the field of social development, including gender issues, particularly through improved and timely access by Governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and individuals to United Nations research and analysis in the field of social development.	1. Number of seminars and workshops organized by the Division with the participation of non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, the private sector and academia and feedback received from participants. 2. Increased interest of non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, in the work of the Commission for Social Development, international or regional meetings and conferences related to social development, measured, inter alia, by the number of accreditations to relevant meetings. 3. Feedback from users of and frequency in the use of research findings in the field of social development via the Internet and publications of the Division.
Expected accomplishment(s)	**Indicator(s) of achievement**
Increased technical and institutional capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to formulate and implement effective social and economic policies and programmes contributing to economic and social development; and provision of support to socio-economic aspects of development, including reconstruction and rehabilitation processes in post-conflict situations.	Feedback from Governments and participants on the usefulness of advisory services, training workshops and field projects on increased technical and institutional capacity in order to implement effective social policies and programmes.

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) Priority will be given by Member States to social development issues;

(b) Resources will be available to Governments for social development.

Schedule of outputs

Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

Substantive servicing of meetings (number of meetings in parentheses)

General Assembly

Substantive servicing, including meetings of the Second and Third Committees (32)

Substantive servicing of meetings of the World Assembly on Ageing in 2002 (30)

Economic and Social Council

Substantive servicing (8)

Commission for Social Development

Inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau (8)

Meetings of the Commission (40)

Inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau in connection with the meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Second World Assembly on Ageing (4)

Meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Second World Assembly on Ageing (10)

Parliamentary documentation (numbers of reports in parentheses)

General Assembly

Follow-up to the adoption of the United Nations guidelines on cooperatives aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives (1)

Fourth Review and Appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (1)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (1)

Preparations for and follow-up to the second World Assembly on Ageing (1)

Follow-up to the International Year of the Family (1)

Reports on follow-up to the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (2)

First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (2)

Commission for Social Development

Final draft of the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing (1)

Follow-up to the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (2)

Implementation of the United Nations Standard Rules and the third mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Disability (1)

Preparations for the Tenth Anniversary the International Year of the Family (1)

Multi-year work programme for the Commission for Social Development (2)

Ad hoc expert groups (number of groups in parentheses)

Follow-up to implementation of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (1)

Consultative meeting on the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (1)

Recommendations for global monitoring of the implementation of the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing (1)

Panel discussions in connection with the priority theme topics of the Commission for Social Development (2)

Proposed topic, subject to the approval of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development: "Integration of social and economic policy" (2)

Proposed topic, subject to approval of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development: "Sharing experiences and practices in social development" (1)

Social policies in countries with economies in transition (1)

Preparation of the *Report on the World Social Situation* (1)

National strategies for poverty eradication: youth in poverty (1)

National strategies for employment promotion (1)

Follow-up to the adoption of United Nations guidelines on cooperative development (1)

Review, evaluation and development of national youth policies (1)

New approaches to promote South-South cooperation (1)

Other substantive activities

Recurrent publications (number of issues in parentheses)

Bulletin on Ageing (4)

Bulletin on Eradication of Poverty (2)

Disabled Persons Bulletin (6)

Poverty Series (4)

United Nations Youth Information Bulletin (6)

Non-recurrent publications (number of issues in parentheses)

Interim to 2000 World Social Situation (1)

National Strategies for Poverty Eradication: Youth in Poverty (1)

National Strategies for Employment Promotion (1)

Action on Ageing: Regional Contexts (1)

Action on Approaches to Family Policy Development (1)

Review, Evaluation and Development of National Youth Policies (1)

Technical material (number of issues in parentheses)

Periodic updates of relevant home pages on the departmental Internet site on policies and programmes on ageing, youth and disability (1)

Technical monograph to review concepts, issues and trends concerning data, statistics and policies on disability (1)

International cooperation

International cooperation, coordination, liaison

Substantive support for annual observances of international days for families (15 May), cooperatives (first Saturday of July), youth (12 August), older persons (1 October), eradication of poverty (17 October) and persons with disabilities (3 December)

Support and promotion of networks among non-governmental organization committees and caucuses related to follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly and the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and in the areas of older persons, youth, family and disabled persons

Ongoing consultations with Governments, United Nations system agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on follow-up related to social objectives of the Summit and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly and other recent United Nations conferences and thematic years

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

Implementation of the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing

Implementation of the global campaign for poverty eradication

Implementation of new guidelines on new national policy development of cooperatives

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

Substantive and technical servicing of ad hoc inter-agency meetings on poverty, employment, cooperatives, disabled persons, youth and ageing

Substantive participation at the annual meetings of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC)

Technical cooperation

Advisory services

Assisting Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, in analytical assessment, diagnostic studies and evaluations of their socio-economic situations, policies and development and the institutional arrangements for planning and managing such development, as well as follow up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Support, on request, to initiatives of Governments to reinforce social integration of persons with disabilities, including catalytic and innovative activities financed from resources of trust funds, to implement the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing, to promote the role of families in development within the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, and those related to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

Training courses, seminars and workshops

Group training, including symposia, seminars and workshops on integrating disability concerns in policy design, planning and evaluation as well as in the drafting and implementation of norms, standards and legislative instruments

Formulation and implementation of technical assistance programmes, applied research, field studies, papers and electronic publications will be undertaken to facilitate the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Field projects

Field projects in the area of socio-economic development